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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 28, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the appended remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please change the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 11 as follows:

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In a conventional starter disclosed in JP-A-2000-9003, a pinion shaft is integrated with an inner surface of a one-way clutch and a pinion is fitted to the pinion shaft in a rotation-restricted manner. The pinion shaft is integrally pushed forward with the pinion by using an attracting force (pull-in force for pulling a plunger) of a magnet switch. As shown in FIG. 9, a clip 100 is fitted in a circumferential recess 120 provided on the pinion shaft 110 to restrict the pinion from moving in an axial direction.